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I, the person whose name is signed below, a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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My/our residence, post office address and citizenship is/are as stated below next to my/our name. I/We believe that the named inventor or inventors listed below is/are the original and first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION****METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A SENSORY SYSTEM****SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a)  is attached hereto.
- (b)  was filed on October 29, 2003 as  
 Serial No. 10/696,382 or  
 Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. (not yet known) and  
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- (c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).
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Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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